[27th January 1931

Appendix VI.

[Vide answer to question No. 124 asked by Mr. K. Kesava Ramamurti Nayudu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 27th January 1931, page 222 supra.]

Letter from the District Medical Officer, East Godavari, Cocanada, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, dated 6th December 1930, Ref. No. 741-M-1/30.

[*Reference.*—Your Memo. Ref. No. 2157-1-H/30, dated 2nd December 1930, regarding closing of rural dispensaries in East Godavari district—Legislative Council question.]

Three rural dispensaries were closed in the district during the year 1929, viz. :—

(i) Kannapuram—Godavari Agency District Board.

(ii) Kandikuppa—Rajahmundry Taluk Board.

(iii) Island Polavaram—Rajahmundry Taluk Board.

2. The circumstances under which the aforesaid dispensaries were closed are given below :—

(*a*) *Kannapuram.*—The medical practitioner in charge was not willing to live in the village but in one five miles away. His services were therefore dispensed with by the President from 12th December 1928. The dispensary remained closed till 1st July 1930 as no suitable hands were forthcoming. It was re-opened on 1st July 1930.

(*b*) *Kandikuppa.*—The Medical Practitioner in charge was not willing to live in the village on the plea that he could not secure suitable accommodation in the village for the dispensary, and that the accommodation given by the villagers was not suitable and of his own accord he removed the dispensary to Dontikurru. When the matter went to the notice of the President, he ordered that no subsidy would be paid to the medical practitioner from the date of shifting the dispensary to Dontikurru, and that the dispensary should be closed. Subsequently the taluk board passed a resolution that the dispensary should be shifted from Kandikuppa to Nadavapalli and referred the matter for my opinion. I visited Nadavapalli and interviewed the people of Kandikuppa who offered a habitation for the dispensary and the medical officer and also a sum of Rs. 1,000 towards contribution of the same. Kandikuppa serves a lot of villages and I recommended that the dispensary be re-opened at Kandikuppa and tried once more provided the villagers fulfil their promise and the Board could get a medical officer who was willing to go and live at Kandikuppa. The Board finally resolved accordingly and posted a medical practitioner who re-opened the dispensary at Kandikuppa on 1st February 1930.

(*c*) *Island Polavaram.*—The medical practitioner in charge was frequently absenting himself without permission for long periods and finally left the place without any intimation. The President thereupon dispensed with the services of the medical practitioner and did not also pay him the subsidy. This dispensary was subsequently shifted to Muramalla—vide G.O. No. 2188, P.H., dated 6th September 1930—where it was opened on 1st February 1930.